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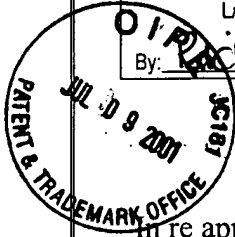
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Atty Docket No: 407T-894210US

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CHRISTOPHER C. BENZ, GARY K. SCOTT, and CHUAN-HSIUNG CHANG

Application No.: 08/978,217

Filed: 11/25/1997

For: **A NEW ETS-RELATED GENE
OVEREXPRESSED IN HUMAN BREAST
AND EPITHELIAL CANCERS**

Examiner: A. Holleran

Art Unit: 1642

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;
- 2) A copy of a revocation and substitute power of attorney with change in correspondence address.

Please amend the specification and claims as follows

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 5, 14, and 20 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s):

1. An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid that specifically hybridizes under stringent conditions to a nucleic acid consisting of the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, and that encodes a transcription factor.